



Lakefront Development Advisory Commission

William H. Lynch, Chairman
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Supervisor Lee Holloway
County Board Chairman
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201
901 North 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Veterans Park Shelter/Restroom, Communications (Cell) Facility Proposal

Dear Mr. Holloway,

At its August 30, 2011 meeting, the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission (LDAC), by a unanimous vote, passed a motion recommending in favor of the proposal of the Milwaukee County Parks Department for replacement and expansion of the restrooms and picnic facility in Veterans Park and erection of a cell phone tower and communications equipment facility as part of the replacement structure. The cell tower is proposed to be erected and owned by A, T & T. Review of this proposal was referred to LDAC by the Parks, Energy & Environment Committee. LDAC provided public notice that it would conduct a hearing on the proposal on August 30th at 5:30 p.m. at the Miller Room of O'Donnell Park but **no one appeared at the hearing other than the proponents of it**. Enclosed is the report that provides the bases for LDAC's recommendation.

The Commission is aware that significant questions about the proposal and opposition to it have been expressed after LDAC acted on the enclosed recommendation. The testimony on this matter at the hearing of the Parks, Energy & Environment Committee on October 18 and written submissions to the committee raise matters not considered by LDAC. With the benefit of hindsight, scheduling of the hearing during the last week of August did not adequately alert the public to LDAC's consideration of this matter. If action on this proposal is delayed, LDAC would welcome the opportunity to consider the additional information now available and to revise our report accordingly.

Sincerely,

William H. Lynch, Chairman
Lakefront Development Advisory Commission
cc: County Executive Chris Abele; E-mail cc: Members of LDAC and Parks, Energy & Environment Committee